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SUBJECT: ROLES OF CHAMOUN AND GEMAYEL IN TAL ZATAR

- BLOCKADE

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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. WE WERE INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENTS REFTEL THAT TAL ZATAR SITUATION MAY BE BEYOND CHAMOUN'S AND GEMAYEL'S CONTROL AND THAT THE TWO MEN, ACCORDING TO PRESS, MAY BE DISASSOCIATING THEMSELVES FROM THE SIEGE. CLARIFICATION OF THESE POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE HELPFUL HERE.

2. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE EVALUATION OF JANUARY 11 AFP REPORT TO EFFECT THAT, ACCORDING TO LEBANESE PRESS, CHAMOUN HAD PROPOSED TO KHADDAM A CONFEDERATION BETWEEN LEBANON AND SYRIA THROUGH VISIT BY NLP EMISSARY KAZIM AL KHALIL SOME 45 DAYS AGO. KISSINGER

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